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INTERVIEW SUMMARY
Work Assignment ES002
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Name: Jerry Worrell (WITNESS)

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Affiliation: Former Employee/Gene Banta Trash Removal, Inc.

Telephone: (b)(6)

Type of Interview: In-Person

Date of Interview: January 3, 2002

On January 3, 2002, the WITNESS was interviewed in the parking lot of Wendys Restaurant on the corner of Bethel Avenue and Chichester Avenue, Chichester, PA by (b)(6). (b)(6) of Tri-State Enterprise. A telephone follow-up interview was also conducted on January 14, 2002. The WITNESS was interviewed as part of the potentially responsible party search currently being conducted under Work Assignment NO. ES-002 involving the Lower Darby Creek Area Site, Delaware County, PA (the "Site"). This interview focused on the Folcroft Landfill (Folcroft). The WITNESS was provided with a copy of the letter of introduction, advised of the nature of the questions to be asked and advised that the interview was voluntary. The WITNESS advised that he is not represented by an attorney in this matter and did not want an attorney. No other persons were present and this interview was not tape-recorded.

During the course of this interview, the WITNESS responded to questions based on guidelines provided by the United States Environmental Protection Agency for former employees.

The WITNESS was shown a map of the Site and this map was used throughout the interview. The map used during this interview with locations marked by the WITNESS is attached to this interview summary.

The WITNESS was asked to explain his association with the site.

The WITNESS stated that he worked for Gene Banta Trash Removal, Inc. from about 1972 to 1974. The WITNESS stated that Gene Banta owned and operated Gene Banta Trash Removal, Inc. (Banta). He indicated that the company operated out of a house and garage located on Concord Avenue in Chester Township, PA.

When asked to describe his duties while working for Banta, the WITNESS stated that he was a general laborer in the shop. He explained that he was 17 years old when he started working for Banta and that this was his first job. The WITNESS stated that he performed minor repairs on the Banta vehicles, such as changing tires. He indicated that he painted most of the trash containers that were placed at job locations. The WITNESS indicated that he also drove one of the small hoist trucks.

When asked to describe his driving duties, the WITNESS stated that he was not allowed to drive any vehicle over two axles. He indicated that this would exclude him from driving any of the roll-off trucks or rear-end loader trash trucks. He indicated that Gene Banta placed this restriction on him due to his young age and inexperience.

The WITNESS explained that he occasionally drove a hoist truck. He described the hoist truck as a small two-axle flat bed truck with a hoist chain in the rear of the truck. The WITNESS stated that this truck was used to deliver and pick up small (approximately 8-cubic feet) trash containers. He indicated that these containers were used for the disposal of sludge waste.

When asked where he picked up these containers and where he disposed of the containers of these containers, the WITNESS provided the following.

- Bryton Chemical Company: The WITNESS stated that Bryton Chemical Company is located on 4th Avenue in Trainer, PA. The WITNESS stated that when the regular driver for Banta who picked up at this location was not available he would be sent to pick up a container load of brown sludge. He indicated that the regular driver, who he believed was Jack Banta, would pick up two containers each day from this location. He indicated that he made this pick up about one time each week. The WITNESS stated that he always transported this waste to the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he could not recall the exact location on the Folcroft Landfill where he dumped this waste. The WITNESS described this waste as a brown sludge.

The WITNESS stated that he did not transport any other waste to the Folcroft Landfill. He indicated that he was permitted by Gene Banta to drive a pick up truck and that he transported household waste to the Delaware County incinerator with this waste. He indicated that the incinerator was located about 500 yards south of the entrance to the Folcroft Landfill. The WITNESS stated that he picked up this household waste on an on call basis. He could not recall how often he transported household waste to the incinerator.

When asked to describe the operation at the Folcroft Landfill, the WITNESS stated that the entrance to the Landfill was off of Calcon Hook Road. He indicated that there was an office and garage located at the entrance to the Landfill. He stated that a Landfill employee was always standing outside the office and he was required to stop at the entrance. The WITNESS stated that the Folcroft Landfill employee would fill out a slip with the following information.

- The truck driver's name.
- The name of the Company the truck was from.
- The size of the truck or container.

The WITNESS stated that he would be given the yellow copy of this slip to be turned in to the office at Banta. The WITNESS stated that the Folcroft Landfill employee kept the white copy and a bill was sent to Banta based on the information on this slip. The WITNESS stated that the Folcroft employee never looked in the container to determine the type of waste or ask him what the waste was. The WITNESS stated that the Folcroft Landfill allowed any type of waste to be disposed on the Landfill.

When asked the names of other industrial or commercial customers that Banta serviced, the witness stated that Banta had numerous industrial clients, however he did not know the names of these clients. The witness stated that he was very young when he worked for Banta and did not pay particular attention to the trash business. He also reiterated that Gene Banta would not allow him to drive any of the roll-off trucks. He indicated that the roll-off trucks would have gone to the industrial locations.

When asked the names of other employees at Banta, the Witness stated that most of them are deceased. He provided the names of the following that may still be in the area.

- Jack Banta
- George Rios

When asked the names of any Folcroft Landfill employees, the witness stated that he did not know the names of any of the Landfill employees.

When asked the name of any driver that he had observed on the Folcroft Landfill, the witness provided the following.

- Patrick Mack: the witness stated that Mack was a driver and supervisor for eastern Industrial and he had observed Mack dispose of waste on the Folcroft Landfill.

"I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct."

Executed on _____
(Date)

Signed _____
Jerry Worrell

Interviewer's Comments and Suggested Follow-up Interviews

Interviewer Comments: The Witness was cooperative during this interview. He confirms that brown sludge from Bryton Chemical was disposed of at the Folcroft Landfill.

He indicated that Gene Banta was strict about being fully trained before he would be allowed to drive any of the large trash trucks and roll-off trucks. He indicated that Banta was sold before he became qualified to drive the large trash trucks.

The witness stated that in 1974 continued his employment with the Banta successor company, Haulaway Trash removal, however he indicated that by 1974 the Folcroft Landfill was closed.

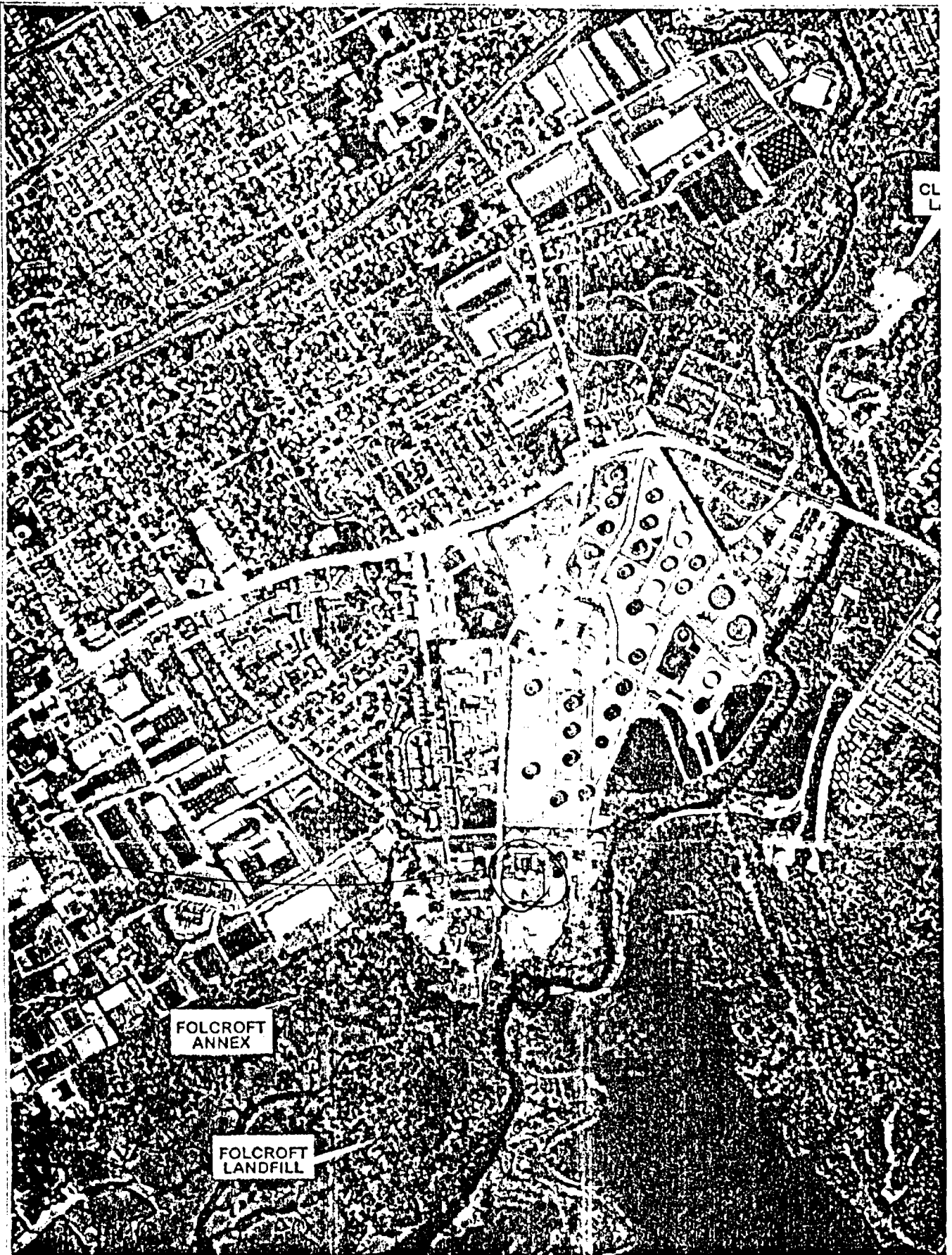
When asked if he wanted his name kept confidential to the extent possible, the WITNESS stated that he had no preference.

Suggested follow-up Interviews: The witness provided the names of the following individuals that may have relevant knowledge of waste disposal practices at the Site.

- Patrick Mack
- George Rios

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Addendum to the Jerry Worrell Interview Summary

Subject:

Bryton/Witco Chemical Company

On June 29, 2002, I contacted Jerry Worrell by telephone at his residence at number (b) (6). This contact was made to clarify the time period that he picked up brown sludge from the Bryton Chemical Company and to determine if he picked up this waste after Witco Chemical Company purchased Bryton in 1973.

Mr. Worrell confirmed that he picked up the brown sludge at Bryton Chemical Company in an 8-cubic yard container about one time each week during the years 1972 through 1974. He indicated that he picked up this waste when the regular driver for this stop was not available. Mr. Worrell stated that he does not recall if Bryton Chemical became Witco Chemical during this time period. He stated that he did pick up from this location in 1973 and 1974 and transported this waste to the Folcroft Landfill.